

# MESSIAH MESSENGER

*Caring for and serving others so all may share in God's love.*  
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## RIDES WITH "OLD SHIFTER"

One of the realities of ministry which I had not contemplated when working through my studies at seminary was the amount of time spent in a vehicle. There was classes on the Bible, on Theology, on Church History, on Pastoral Care. But none on the hours spent with a metal framed, motor powered companion. I would dare to say that my ministry depended on my companion getting me to where I needed to be as me be there.

Why they ended up being named was as much a need to meet my sentimental need of having a working companion to whom I could converse during our travels as solidifying their relationship in God's work with me. Naming them also helped me reflect on what we were doing in a certain time and place. Not unlike specifically the Old Testament peoples' drive to remember the significant points and places in their relationship of things in life and with God.

I guess I could say my reflecting on my old vehicular compadres would not be unlike the ancient Hebrews over the years remembering back to the days of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob throughout the generations. They would remember where God had been with them in their journey in life by looking back and claiming to be the people of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In their faith relationship with God and His covenant with Abraham, such thoughts touched them deeply.

Those thoughts brought the activity of the past into their present, and gave them strength as they looked into where God was going to be with them in the future. This would not be any different for we the people of the Cross as we recall the Old Testament and New Testament in light of the stories from the succeeding generations of God's faithful people.

When I list out my traveling companions of ministry; "Old Blue", "Grey Lady", and "Old Shifter", memories of people and places where God touched me. Each one of those three upon reflecting bring to light special moments in my life and ministry. Some of the stories are hilarious, some are mundane, some are tragic, some bring smiles, some bring tears. I am sure over the period of time together I have shared more than one of these stories in relation to some other event or happening.

So now, I have this new ministry assistant, a 2009, grey Toyota Tacoma crew cab with a matching pick-up box topper. You have helped me give a name to her and new chronicles will be stored in my memory banks as we traverse from one place to another. The name I am going to give her from the options you all so graciously offered me will be "Grey Lady II".

She has already been at working assisting me with getting back and forth to church, to peoples' homes, to meetings and hauling things for people. Like someone once stated, "If you have a pick-up truck, you have friends." She is comfortable to ride in, has a wonderful radio and listens well.

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### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

10:30 a.m. - Fellowship

### **WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesdays ~ 9:30 a.m.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

2nd Tuesday ~ 6:30 p.m.

### **MESSIAH LUTHERAN**

#### **CHURCH WOMEN**

2nd Saturday ~ 9:30 a.m.

### **SEW & SHARE**

1st & 3rd Tuesdays ~ 9:30 a.m.

### **CRAFT CLASS**

Every other Wednesday

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### **MESSIAH BOOK CLUB**

4th Saturday ~ 10:00 a.m.

### **RISING SUN CHRISTIAN**

#### **COMMUNITY**

Weekly Service

Sundays ~ 11:30 a.m.

### **Pastor Doug Mathison**

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### **Director of Music**

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### **Building & Grounds**

Carlo Bachechi

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We are a communal people. We remember our past by the little benchmarks made in our memories. We remember our relationship with Christ through the various ways of our religious traditions; most significantly the Scriptures and their stories, Sunday School, hymns and special Christian songs of faith, prayer, church buildings and their seasonal displays, sermons and faith stories shared among believers. In all that is listed above, plus more places and events which have spiritually touched us, God's saving presence becomes etched in our hearts and memory. God speaks to us and we cherish in our memories those moments.

May the Lord's peace be with you each and every day.

~ Pastor Doug



**Council meetings** take place the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

#### **All are welcome to come!**

If you have any concerns or questions, please talk with any council member.

### **2018 CHURCH COUNCIL**

**President:** Brian Osterloh

**Vice-President/President-Elect:** Vacant

**Treasurer:** Ellen Dobson

**Financial Secretary:** Barbara Bachechi

**Secretary:** Cassandra Osterloh

#### **Members-at-Large:**

Kristi Adams

Lee Danielson

Carlo Bachechi

Debra Hoyt

Ron Kulju

### **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN OFFICERS**

**President:** Hazel Mella

**Secretary:** Irene Aldredge

**Treasurer:** Dotty Dahl

### **MISSION LEAD LADIES**

**Growth:** Lorraine Davis

**Action:** Charlotte Moritomo

**Community:** Dotty Dahl

**Historian:** TBD



# WORSHIP NOTES - DECEMBER

## December 2

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

## December 9

Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 1:68-79  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6

## December 16

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18

## December 23

Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:46b-55  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-55

## December 30

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Psalm 148  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2:41-52



## WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE ~ DECEMBER

	DECEMBER 2	DECEMBER 9	DECEMBER 16	DECEMBER 23	DECEMBER 30
<b>Assisting Minister</b>		Ron K.	Lee D.	Cassandra O.	Ellen D.
<b>Lector</b>	Rosemary B.	Steve M.	Rosemary B.	Cassandra O.	
<b>Ushers</b>		Osterloh	Lee & Chuck D.	Brian O.	
<b>Greeters</b>		Bonnie Jo H.	Lee & Chuck D.	Bonnie Jo H.	
<b>Counters</b>	1. Rosemary B 2.	1. Ron K. 2. Cassandra O.	1. Lee D. 2.	1. Cassandra O. 2.	1. Cassandra O. 2.
<b>Create PowerPoint</b>	Rosemary B.	Rosemary B.	Rosemary B.	Rosemary B.	
<b>Operate PowerPoint</b>	KD P.	Cassandra O.	Chuck D.	Marianne W.	Cassandra O.
<b>Fellowship Snacks</b>	Hazel M.		Debra H.		
<b>Fellowship Set-up</b>	Irene & Gene A.	Irene & Gene A.	Irene & Gene A.	Irene & Gene A.	Irene & Gene A.
<b>Flowers</b>	Betty H.	Irene & Gene A.	Lee D.	Amy & Hal 25th Anniversary	Rosemary B. For Julie's BDay

**Altar Guild:** Kristi Adams, Irene Aldredge, Mary Emery, Hazel Mella

## MESSIAH HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES (and Special Activities) (Revised)

**Hanging of the Greens and Pie & Coffee Social:** December 1, 9:30 am

**Mitten & Hat Tree:** Bring your items for the tree in the northeast corner of the Narthex. The mittens, hats, scarves gloves, etc., will be collected until **January 5, 2019**.



**Coat and Blanket Drive:** We will be collecting, along with the items for the mitten tree, coats and blankets. Please place them under the Mitten Tree. Donations are needed by **December 10**. They will be given to St. Martins Homeless Shelter. If you have any questions, please call Pat Baca at 299-8691.

**Adopt-a- Family from Kennedy Middle School:** The tree will be set up during the Hanging of the Greens. Select a tag (or two) and purchase gifts for the individual on the tag. Please wrap and apply a gift tag.  
**Gifts Needed by: December 16.**



**Cookie Exchange: December 9.** Bring and swap you favorite cookies. To be held between both services. Also, MLC members plan to stay and build your very own **Gingerbread House**.

**Luther House "Carols and Cheers":** Sunday, **December 9, 2018**, from 3:00 to 5:00pm, at Broken Trail Distillery and Brewery (6902 Menaul Blvd., NE). This fundraiser will support **Lutheran Camps Ministry** and is a family event. 15% of the money spent on drinks and food will be donated to Luther House. Musicians leading us in the signing will be Pauleta Hendrickson and Clara Byom.

**Caroling at Nursing Home: December 16** (Time to be Determined). Will meet at Bear Canyon Nursing and Rehab.



## **FOR THE LOVE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD...**

### **December 2018 ~ EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS**

#### **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN**

- A) MLCW meeting, Saturday, December 8, beginning at 9:30 am
- B) Book Club, Saturday, December 22, beginning at 10:00 am

#### **KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The "Homework Diner" program is officially underway since Wednesday, October 3. A couple of us have been there to volunteer, Lee Danielson has been there for all of the them. We could use some more volunteers, we start at 5:00 pm and we leave at 7:00 pm.

#### **FOOD FOR NEEDY FAMILIES from at Kennedy Middle School over Thanksgiving**

A big thank you to all who provided food for Thanksgiving Break for hungry families from Kennedy Middle School. We were able to provide twenty bags of food for ten families, as well as, bread, cheese and loaves of bread. A special thank you to Peggy J., Amy L. and her grandson Eli for their assistance in bagging and delivery of the food.

#### **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY --Midweek Advent studies.**

We will meet for four Wednesday evenings in November and December. The dates are November 28, December 5, 12 and 19. We will begin at 6:30 pm. We will be studying the Second Lessons for the Season of Advent.

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| Nov. 28 | 1 Advent C, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 |
| Dec.5   | 2 Advent C, Philippians 1:3-11     |
| Dec.12  | 3 Advent C, Philippians 4:4-7      |
| Dec.19  | 4 Advent C, Hebrews 10:5-10        |



#### **HANGING OF THE GREENS AT MESSIAH**


We will meet at Messiah at 9:30 am to decorate our church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. There will also be pie and coffee following the decorating in the Fellowship Hall. We will adorn the church and put up the Kennedy Middle School Family in Need Gift Tree.

#### **"THIRTEEN MONTH SUNDAY"**

So far we have had a really fantastic response to this special offering and a great potluck. Your generosity has provided an additional funds available for future use. We have collected just short of \$3,000 to date and your kindness is greatly appreciated.

#### **TRASH AND NEEDLE CLEAN-UP**

We appreciate all our volunteers whom take time to keep our church property nice looking and inviting. We also want you to be safe. We have purchased three tongs for picking up trash and needles so please do not pick up with your hands. The tongs and Sharps Container are located in the upper cupboards across from the bathroom in the old kitchen just outside the reading room. When picking up discarded hypodermic needle, put the needle in the Sharps Container. It opens by matching up the white arrows. The procedure is to place Sharps Container on the ground (do not hold it), then pick up needle with designated tongs, stand a little away from container and drop into container. When you can see the needle(s) are securely laying on the bottom, close tightly the container and then put back in cupboard. Thank you.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am RSCC Worship	3 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	4 9:30am: Sew and Share  <b>Office Hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm</b>	5 9:30am: Bible Study 5:30pm: Homework Diner 6:30pm: Advent Bible Study <b>Office Hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm</b>	6   <b>Office Hours: 10:00am-12:00pm</b>	7   <b>Office Hours: 10:45am-1:45pm</b>	1 9:30 am Hanging of the Greens and Pie and Coffee Social
9 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour & Cookie Exchange 11:30am RSCC Worship	10 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	11 6:30pm: Council Meeting  <b>Office Hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm</b>	12 9:30am: Bible Study 5:30pm: Homework Diner 6:00pm: Craft Club 6:30pm: Advent Bible Study <b>Office Hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm</b>	13   <b>Office Hours: 10:00am-12:00pm</b>	14   <b>Office Hours: 10:45am-1:45pm</b>	15
16 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am RSCC Worship TBD Christmas Caroling at Bear Canyon 11:30am RSCC Worship	17 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	18 9:30am Sew and Share  <b>Office Hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm</b>	19 9:30am: Bible Study 6:30pm: Advent Bible Study <b>Office Hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm</b>	20   <b>Office Hours: 10:00am-12:00pm</b>	21   <b>Office Hours: 10:45am-1:45pm</b>	22 10:00am: MLC Book Club
23 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am RSCC Worship	24 7:00pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	25 10:30am Christmas Day Service  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	26 9:30am: Bible Study 6:00pm: Craft Club 6:30pm: Advent Bible Study <b>Office Hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm</b>	27   <b>Office Hours: 10:00am-12:00pm</b>	28   <b>Office Hours: 10:45am-1:45pm</b>	29
30 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am RSCC Worship	31 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>					



## **PRAYER GUIDE**

Please keep in your prayers our family and friends who are in need of our prayers this month. Prayer requests can be made by contacting the church office.

Bill Baker

Barbara & Carlo Bachechi

Susan Bishop (JoAnn Hauge's mother-in-law)

Matt Braund (KAFB)

Al Burmeister

Danielle Currier

Mary Emery

Bill and Joanne Eve (Betty Hauge's aunt and uncle)

Micah Kesatie (Army Reserves, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)

Marian & Ron Kulju

Joseph Patrick Lawler, III

Dr. Rev. Lincoln Leer

Helga Lindner

Robert Maranville

Arlene Mickelson

Charlotte Moritomo

Laura Ross McHenry

Allen J. Tetreault (KAFB)

Daniel Vickers (Navy, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)

*Pray* **WITHOUT  
CEASING**

### **DON'T FORGET:**

The **FIRST** Sunday of **every** month,  
bring your loose change and place in  
the offering plate to be sent in for  
**World Hunger.**



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